

COVID Neglect and the Stigmatization of Solidarity



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Looting is Good



Image description: a photograph of a Gamestop in so-called “Memphis, Tennessee” during late January 2023 which was looted in retaliation for the murder of Tyre Nichols by the police. Throughout the shop are various plushes thrown around, with many games and accessories empty from the shelves. In the middle of the photograph is a white bar edited onto the picture, with a phrase in its middle that says “Looting is Good”. Ironically, directly below the phrase “Looting is Good” is a tipped over box inside the actual Gamestop which says “deals deals deals deals”.

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Image Description for the cover page: a picture of a pixelated sabot shoe with a circle (A) on it. The sabot was a type of shoe used to break factory equipment in the 19th century (hence the name “sabotage”). Above the sabot is the title of the zine, which is “COVID Neglect and the Stigmatization of Solidarity”. Below the title is the name of the collective who made this zine, which is “Eugenics Ender Squad.”

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COVID neglect, as in the refusal to mitigate COVID spread whether by practicing anti-masking behavior or by partaking in super-spreader activities, is a form of ableist violence.

These assaults on the existence of disabled people are helping advance fascism by valorizing the individual pleasure gained from being an ableist oppressor, all at the expense of collective well being. This glorification of lethally harming disabled people in order to acquire treats has encouraged a widespread rejection of solidarity against oppression—condemning “an injury to one is an injury to all” as a barrier ruining “fun”. It has also perpetuated the myth that the inherently ableist regime of capital and work is impossible to destroy, and that their tyranny is worth the price of continuous bloodshed. This broader assault on collective action and solidarity imposed by the SARS-COVID genocide has allowed hierarchy to flourish in a way it could not in 2020.

The result of this genocide is a broader proletariat population who has become growingly complicit to the fascist onslaught. One which “accepts” that their artificial need of indoor dining or clubbing is more valuable than the life of disabled people. One too where the escalating violence against houseless people is treated as inevitable and justified. The complicity has reached to the exponential growth of patriarchal violence, whether through abortion bans or literal assaults on trans existence. This present counter-revolution is maintained through the popular acceptance of the violence as a monotonous and immortal phenomenon, perceived as permanent.

It is no coincidence that white proles make up the majority of the fascist wing of the proletariat, as they have done through the counter-revolution against Reconstruction and against the ongoing fight for Indigenous autonomy, where they collaborate with the (primarily) white bourgeoisie to quell revolts against racial capitalism. These are the same proles who have largely rejected masking (whether by the words of Trump or Biden), at best practiced a reformist vision to prison “abolition” and at worst sought violence against the “crime wave” which both have resulted in the expansion of the prison industrial complex as well state power. They are the majority of the proles

who partake in shutting down the rebellions against neo-liberal fascism, the revolts which recognize in practice how abolition means attack. This expansion of eugenics and cisheteropatriarchy can only be defeated if whiteness is attacked also, along with capital and the regime of work.

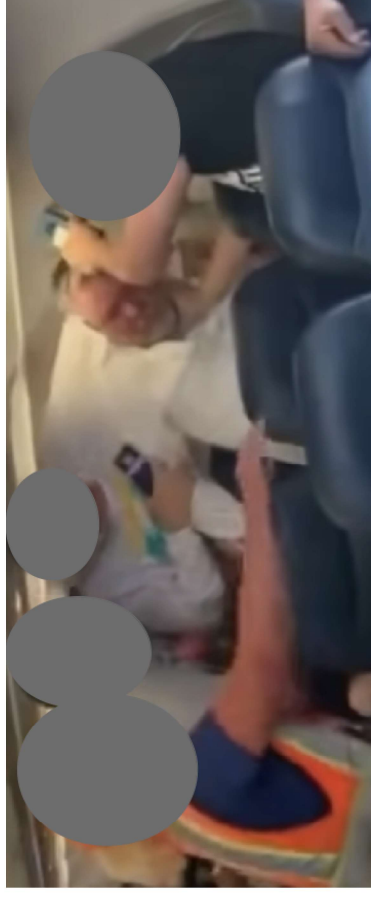


Image Description: A direct action against COVID neglect where some anti-masker is being shoved around on a plane sometime in October 2020 for refusing to wear a mask, with the people practicing anti-eugenics action intending to remove the eugenicist from the flight. The person on the anti-masker’s right is grabbing the anti-masker’s chest. The person to the anti-masker’s left is grabbing that anti-masker’s shoulders, with the assistance of another passenger. On the furthest left is the flight attendant aiming to escort the anti-masker off the flight. The plane seats are dark blue and all the people whose faces have been censored are wearing masks.

Confrontational forms of community defense against COVID neglect were much more common in 2020. This was before both the propaganda of COVID “endemicity” and the death march toward “normal” was pushed by the state and bourgeoisie to return people into the monotonous cycle of racial capitalist violence.

Neo-liberal fascism is weak to decentralized rebellion. It is particularly vulnerable to rebellion which attacks all hierarchy and practices militant care to help marginalized people stay alive through the onslaught. This dialectic of care and attack has been effective at hindering racial capitalism worldwide, and should be practice onward to defeat it.

As Alfredo Bonnano said: “*We must counter the satisfaction of spectacular needs imposed by consumer society with the satisfaction of man’s natural needs seen in the light of that primary, essential need: the need for communism.*”

The “spectacular need” in our context is COVID neglect. It can only be defeated through attack against racial capitalism and disrupting the social relations that maintain capital, property, statecraft, and all forms of hierarchy—including ableism.